

[54] **VEHICLE TELEPHONE WITH CALL ANSWERING AND RECORDING MEANS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A unitary sun visor and cellular telephone with means for transmitting and receiving telephone calls, answering incoming calls when a vehicle is unoccupied for maintaining contact with others, recording incoming calls when a vehicle is in motion, recording information, such as travel expenses and dictation for subsequent transcribing while on the road, and playing pre-recorded tapes while on the road. The unitary apparatus is adapted to be mounted to a vehicle's body structure above the vehicle's instrument panel, forward of the front seat occupant, and has an outer panel with opposing surfaces which is adjustable to a downward extending shading position and to an upward non-shading position adjacent to the vehicle's headliner. One of the panel surfaces is in confronting relationship to the operator of the telephone when the panel is in the shading position and has controls and an alphanumeric display for operating the telephone and call answering and recording means which are in an operator's forward field of vision and are readily accessible without distracting the operator's attention from the road.

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